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FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF GENERAL DEBATE 10 JULY P.M.

1. AMBASSADOR ABDALLA ASHTAL FROM DEMOCRATIC YEMEN OPENED STATEMENT WITH CONGRATULATIONS TO NORTH VIETNAM, MOZAMBIQUE, GUINEA BISSEAU AND CAPE VERDE ON THEIR RECENT VICTORIES AND WELCOMED PLO. HE ASKED DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO FORGO THEIR UN-ENLIGHTENED SELF-INTEREST AND SAID THAT SLACK IN ECONOMIC SITUATION IN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES HAS BEEN BLOWN UP OUT OF PROPORTION. HE NOTED WIDENING OF GAP IN INCOME LEVELS BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND SAID IT WOULD NOT BE BRIDGED BY A TRICKLE OF ASSISTANCE AND THAT WITH STRINGS. HE ASKED ENDORSEMENT OF G-77 SPECIAL SESSION PAPER CRP-1 "WITHOUT IRKING RESERVATIONS".

2. FIJI REPRESENTATIVE KACIMAIWAI IN EXCELLENT AND BALANCED STATEMENT SAID THAT NIEO REPRESENTED AN UP-DATING AND REAPPRAISAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
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STRATEGY TO GIVE IT A SENSE OF EQUALITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE.

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HE NOTED THAT MUCH IN THE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY HAS BEEN LEFT WITHOUT IMPLEMENTATION AND NOTED SECRETARY KISSINGER'S RECENT STATEMENT "WHAT THE US DOES OR FAILS TO DO HAS AN IMPACT ON THE WORLD..." HE ALSO NOTED THAT THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY HAS A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON EVENTS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. HE CALLED FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY TO PROVIDE A BROADER BASIS FOR DEVELOPMENT AND TO PREVENT ADVERSE TERMS OF TRADE FOR LDCS. HE REGARDED PREPARATION FOR REVISION OF THE STRATEGY AND THE SPECIAL SESSION AS ONE AND THE SAME TASK. HE ASKED THAT THE SPECIAL SESSION NOT CONCERN ITSELF WITH A NEW DECLARATION BUT ESTABLISH APPROPRIATE MACHINERY FOR A CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE. IN REFERRING FAVORABLY TO THE LOME CONVENTION AND THE STABEX PLAN, HE ASKED THAT IT BE BROADENED TO COVER ALL DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. FINALLY, HE NOTED THAT CRP-1 WAS A GOOD FRAMEWORK FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION AND BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION.

3. MONGOLIA IN A STANDARD STATEMENT NOTED THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VICTORY OVER FASCISM FOR WHICH THE SOVIETS BORE THE BRUNT AND GAVE FULL SUPPORT TO THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER.

4. IN BRIEF STATEMENT SPAIN ENDORSED RECENT OECD MINISTERIAL DECLARATION AND CALLED FOR ENLARGEMENT OF UN ROLE IN ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES, THAT THE UN SERVE AS CATALYST IN ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, AND ASKED THAT UN ECONOMIC MEMBERSHIP BECOME UNIVERSAL.

5. ECUADOR CALLED FOR POLITICAL WILL ON PART OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO MEET LDC NEEDS AND NOTED FAILURE OF DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY WAS DUE TO SYSTEM FAVORING DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. CALLED FOR INDEXATION AND MARKET ACCESS ON FAIR TERMS. CRITICIZED US FOR USING ECONOMIC POWER FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES. STATED THAT ENERGY PROBLEM WAS DISTORTED BY TNCS. SUPPORTED G-77 LIST AS MINIMUM FOR NEGOTIATIONS IN SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION.

6. JAMAICA NOTED PREOCCUPATION OF DELEGATIONS WITH SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION AND CHANGE IN ATMOSPHERE IN UNCLASSIFIED

WHICH ALL DELEGATES DETERMINED TO ESTABLISH DIALOGUE. APPRECIATED FAVORABLE ATTITUDES RECENTLY EXPRESSED BY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. THERE ARE PROSPECTS FOR MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATIONS BUT OBSTACLES REMAIN. THERE MUST BE FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES IN ASSUMPTIONS UNDERLYING THE SYSTEM. LDCS MUST COME TO GRIPS WITH TECHNICAL AND OPERATIONAL ASPECTS OF THE SYSTEM WHICH THEY SEEK TO CHANGE. TASKS THAT LIE BEFORE CALL FOR NEW THINKING

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AND INNOVATIVE APPROACH.

7. ALGERIA SAID THAT THE CURRENT CRISIS MAKES COUNTRIES MORE AWARE OF INTERDEPENDENCE. SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION SHOULD BE CONTINUATION OF SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION. CREATION OF NIEO WILL REQUIRE ESSENTIALLY NATIONAL EFFORT BUT THERE IS NEED FOR INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE AND POLITICAL WILL TO COOPERATE. THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY IS A FAILURE. EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO WORK FOR COMMON SOLUTIONS IN ECOSOC AND INFORMAL SESSIONS.

8. ARGENTINA. WELCOMED NEW ATTITUDE OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES BUT NOTED SOME OF THESE COUNTRIES MAKE ONLY MARGINAL EFFORT. INTERDEPENDENCE IS INCREASED. SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION WILL BE TEST OF WILLINGNESS OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO COOPERATE. NOTED CRITICAL OF LACK OF RESPONSE TO LDC PROPOSAL RE TARIFF AND NON-TARIFF BARRIERS AND SAID GSP THREATENED BY DISCRIMINATORY SYSTEM.

9. INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. STRESSED ROLE OF INVESTMENT IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND NEED FOR GROWTH. EMPHASIZED ROLE OF PRIVATE SECTOR. STATED THERE IS GENERAL CONCERN WITH TRADE IN PRIMARY COMMODITIES BUT INTEGRATED COMMODITY PROGRAM IS NOT REALISTIC. ICC URGED GUIDELINES FOR INVESTMENT AS BETTER POLICY THAN NATIONALIZATION AND EXPROPRIATION. FAVORED TRADE EXPANSION AND LIBERALIZATION AND REJECTED LAISSEZ-FAIRE ATTITUDES. RECOGNIZES IMPORTANCE OF POLITICAL AND SOCIAL FACTORS IN INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS AND NOTED ECONOMIC SOLUTIONS NOT SUFFICIENT. WELCOMED ATTENTION OF SPECIAL SESSION TO ROLE OF BUSINESS
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AND PRIVATE SECTOR.

10. ICFTU. WELCOMED THE NIEO. STRESSED NEED FOR CLOSING RICH-POOR GAP, CONTROL OF TNCS AND POLICIES TO DEAL WITH UNEMPLOYMENT. URGED REFLATION OF ECONOMIES. STATED THAT ALTHOUGH THERE WAS DANGER IN CONTINUING INFLATION, HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT WAS WORSE.ABRAMS

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